

# CIVIL AIR PATROL



COVER: Cadets Visiting Holland

#### CAPC SUMMER ENCAMPMENT

The 1952 CAPC Summer Encampment was off to a good start on 1 August 1952 under the able guidance of Lt. Col. Edward H. Vose as Camp Commander, assisted by a competent staff made up of volunteer personnel from the three states participating in the encampment, namely, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

Senior and cadet contingents were flown from their respective area by Air Force planes to Grenier Air Force Base, where the encampment was to be held.

Senior officers from Maine assuming their responsibilities upon arrival at the AFB were Lt. Col. Edward H. Vose, Commander; Major Ila M. Clark, Adjutant; Lt. Annette Ross, Encampment PIO; W/O Laura DeCesere, Assistant to Female Commander; W/O Madeline Stevens, Assistant to Female Commander and Assistant to the Adjutant; W/O Mark Piguette and W/O Conrad Tracy.

3 August, a day of leisure before a week of intensive training, began with religious services at the base chapel conducted by Major John Keefe, USAFR assigned to the encampment as Chaplain and Major Romberg USAF, Base Chaplain. In the afternoon all of the cadets enjoyed a two hour period of supervised swimming at nearby Crystal Pond.

Headquarters was always a beehive of activity not only with the VIPs from National but VIPs from the Wings and also parents and friends anxious to observe first hand the activities of an encampment.

4 August, the first full day of encampment activities, was given to formalities of welcome speeches followed by lectures on military customs and courtesies and base regulations. There were few idle moments during the day and the CAPC days to follow.

Importance of the encampment to cadets choosing a military career was stressed by Grenier's Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. James T. Lewis. "Highly trained Air Force instructors are set up for a complete training program which should give you more knowledge of the Air Force and contribute to make your future years profitable ones."

Concluding the first week of their annual training encampment at Grenier, cadets had viewed different types of aircraft ranging from late model jets to training craft. Pilots and crewmen were on hand to explain every aircraft. Classes in the principles of flight, aircraft, navigation and allied subjects were part of the CAPC training. On the firing range they got the "feel" of light arms on a thousand inch range under the eyes of experts. They marched, marched and marched....taking pride in their rapid improvement. In the mess hall, they viewed operations and also pulled a share of KP. On the athletic field, cadets participated in sports and calisthenics under supervision of Air Force instructors.

All new encampment personnel learned how to make bed ---both brown and white---Air Force fashion---and all other housekeeping techniques necessary. With inspections scheduled by CAP Regional, National Headquarters and our own CAPC Encampment Headquarters, cadets and their leaders were really keeping busy.

Girl cadets shared the program with the boys even to firing several rounds with a carbine. Echoes of 'SOUNT OFF' resounded throughout Grenier as they marched in formation to and from classes. Our girls at Grenier were the first female personnel to be stationed there and their conduct was most admirable.

Among the VIPS were Col. Cord Meyer, CAP Commander of Region 1; Col. Leon W. Gray, USAF, Commanding Officer of Otis AFB; Col. Winfield A. Ramsdell, Commander of Maine Wing; Lt. Col. Arthur Patstone, Communications Officer Maine Wing; Col. George Wilson, Commander of New Hampshire Wing; Col. Allan Works, Commander of the Vermont Wing; Major William Nelligan, Maine Wing Chaplain and Lt. Armand Landry, Chaplain of the Old Orchard Beach Squadron.

7 August saw the entire cadet contingent in formation at the athletic field. Col. John Watkins USAF, Inspector General from Headquarters in Washington, took the salutes of the entire cadet group at a full dress review. At this review, Cadet Walter Doe of N.H. was promoted to temporary Colonel and given charge of the cadet group. Cadet Lee Bureau of Maine promoted to

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Lt. Col. and designated Executive Officer and Cadet William McDuffy of N.H. to Major as Adjutant.

15 August, First Provisional Training Group Civil Air Patrol Encampment...Grenier AFB...Manchester, N.H.... officially closed. This was the first joint male and female CAPC encampment ever held at Grenier. Visitors' rosters bore one hundred fifty (150) signatures for the two-week period. Manchester and Portland newspapers welcomed pictorial coverage.

Major Ila M. Clark

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#### THREE FUTURE DATES

- Sept. 26 Annual Communications Flight Supper at Highland Lake Grange Hall, 1830 hours.
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### Sunday, July 20, 1952, was the long awaited day to take off for the Foreign Cadet Exchange Program for Cadets Donald Doiron of Sanford to visit England, Clyde Kerr of Rumford to visit Brazil and the writer to act as Escort of Cadets going to Holland. Major Richard Hynes, U.S.A.F. Liaison Officer, flew us to Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, arriving at 1348 hrs, Sunday. There we stayed for necessary briefing and preparation for the 110 cadets to depart for the fourteen foreign

As our two cadets from Maine and myself separated at Washington and visited different lands, I am unable to relate their experiences but am in hopes to have something from them in future Wing-Overs. They probably have been busy writing that essay for National Headquarters for the prize of \$100.00.

However, here are some of my experiences briefly on the trip to that beautiful land, "The Netherlands". In my party were Liaison Officer Capt. John Elliott from Idaho; Cadets Ernest Brookfield, California; Alfred Geldert, Jr., Vermont; Larry Greathouse, Kansas; Joseph Litchfield, Utah; and Roger Menzies, Oregon. After a riving in Holland, we were joined by two cadets from Canada, Joel Gorrie, Saskatchewan and John Whitley of Ontario, making nine in our party.

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was only la hrs flight and we were met at Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam by the Air Attache, Secretary and Asst. Secretary of the Royal Netherlands Aero Club and a Captain from the Royal Dutch Air Force. Following was our program while in Holland.

Sunday - July 27: Arrival of American Cadets and escorts at Schiphol. Guests will be welcomed by officials of the Royal Netherlands Aero Club, a representative of the Netherlands Air Staff, and the United States Air Attache at The Hague, Lt. Colonel Lewis J. Wright. By car to the R.N.A.C. Gliding Centre at Terlet near Arnhem, where guests will stay for three days. The programme will include:

Monday - July 28: ) Gliding. Sightseeing in Arnhem. Tuesday - July 29: ( Visit to the field of the Battle Wednesday - July 30:) of Arnhem and the Airborne Memorial. Open Air Museum. National Park: "De Hoge Veluwe" with the Kroller-Muller Museum, possessing a.o. a famous collection of paintings by Vincent van Gogh. Lunch at Deelen Air Force Base.

Thursday - July 31: Departure from Terlet. By car via Harderwijk, the Zuydersea Works (North-East Polder) and - if time permits - via Nijkerk, Bunschoten and Spakenburg to Schiphol Airport to meet the Canadian Air Cadets. Arrival of the Canadian Air Cadets, who will be



We left Washington National Airport Friday, July 25, at 0950 hrs. There were two Constellations flown by the Military Air Transport Service carrying the cadets, liaison officers and escorts to Europe. Stopping at Harmon Air Force Base, Newfoundland for gas and dinner we set down at Rhein Main Airport near Frankfurt, Germany the next morning at 0910 hrs. (German time). trip in the Constellation through the night was superb and it was very interesting for the cadets and others in the party to go forward and see for themselves how these big ships are maneuvered at 300 miles per hour with altitude of 17,000 feet.

We had very little darkness as we were flying toward morning over the northern Atlantic and it was the first time I ever saw the sun set down below the clouds and in about two hours saw the sun rise approximately in the same place. I was able to take two beautiful 35 M. M. Kodachromes of this episode.

On our stay at Rhein Main, Germany, we had the opportunity to visit Frankfurt in the afternoon and evening and also meet the foreign cadets as the arrived at the base en route to the United States.

The next morning we took off with the party visiting Denmark in a C82 wearing parachutes



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welcomed by officials of the Royal Netherlands Aero Club, a representative of the Netherlands Air Staff and the Canadian Military Attache at The Hague, Colonel T. A. Johnston. By car to The Hague, where cadets will remain as guests of families for four days. For the two American escorting officers accommodation has been reserved at the "Parkhotel", Molenstraat, The Hague.
Friday - Aug. 1: 9.30 h. Visit to KLM-Building, The Hague - Film Show. Afternoon free. Evening: Visit to

Zeiss Planetarium.

Saturday - Aug. 2: Morning free. Afternoon: Visit to "ILSY", International Air Display at Ypenburg Aerodrome, near The Hague.

Sunday - Aug. 3: Church services. Afternoon: free or, if so desired, second visit to "ILSY" Air Display. Monday - Aug. 4: By car to Almelo, where Cadets will meet Burgomaster and Canadian Cadet John Whiteley will present greetings from Port Arthur and Lake Superior Regiment. He will present a sum of money from the Port Arthur Rotary Club to the Rotary Club at Almelo for Boys Work in that City. Lunch. A wreath will be laid on the Canadian War Cemetery at Holten. Tea at Holten. Return to The Hague.

Tuesday - Aug. By car to the flower-auction at

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Aalsmeer. Tour of Schiphol Airport. Visit Fokker Aircraft Factory, Schiphol. Depart Schiphol for Navy Camp Hilversum, where Cadets will remain for six days.

Wednesday - Aug. 6: Excursion to medieval castle of Muiden. Visit National Flying School at Hilversum Aero-

Thursday - Aug. 7: By car and boat to the village of Volendam and the island of Marken, famous for the national costumes still worn there as everyday attire.

Friday - Aug. 8: By car - if time permits via the cheesemarket of Alkmaar - to the Naval Base of Den Helder. Trip by navy speed-boat. Visit to the locks of Ijmuiden.

Saturday - Aug. 9: Sightseeing in Amsterdam. Excur-Saturday - Aug. 9: Sightseeing in Amsterdam. Excur- Some 75,000 people, who attended the Maine Event exsion by boat through the canals and ports. Rijkemuseum hibit and shows at Scarborough Downs, Sept. 5 - 15, Rembrandts.

Sunday - Aug. 10: Church services. Afternoon: Yachting on the Lake of Loosdrecht.

Monday - Aug. 11: By navy boat down the river Vecht. Visit Castle of Nijenrode and other points of interest. Return to The Hague. Billeted with private families and "Parkhotel".

Tuesday - Aug. 12: Sightseeing in Leiden, Gouda and Schoonhoven. Windmills.

Wednesday - Aug. 13: Morning and afternoon: free.



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Evening: Farewell-dinner at Scheveningen. Thursday - Aug. 14: The American group will leave for Schiphol Airport for return to their home country.
Friday - Aug. 15: Departure of the Canadian Cadets

Some of above trips had to be cancelled because of the lack of time.

The stay in Holland was very pleasant and interesting and now, that we are all back home again and rested, it really doesn't seem possible we could have seen so much of the beautiful country in the 19 days we were there.

The people of Holland are very hospitable and they did everything they could to entertain us.

Our return trip was the same way out of Schiphol Airport to Rhein Main via the MATS to Washington. We refueled at Iceland coming back which was the farthest north I had ever been. We ran into a short hailstorm outside of Germany otherwise the trip was very smooth and comfortable. Capt. Elmer Dunn, USAF from Portland, Maine was our pilot on this return trip and, of course, we got acquainted quickly. Arriving at Washington National Airport at 0825 hours Sunday, we were transported to Andrews Air Force Base again and waited to be taken home. As everyone was anxious to get home

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again and tell their story, many of us could hardly

wait to get started.

The trip, all in all, was a great experience and I know from hearing many of the cadet's remarks about the foreign countries they visited that they saw a lot and really broadened their education. It also acted as a good will tour from both sides and surely should not do any harm in bringing us all nearer together in this

Lt. Col. George W. Swain

#### THE MAINE EVENT

viewed our Civil Air Patrol booth with amazement especially when the Link Trainer and the VHF radio network were in operation. Captains Al Shedley and Robert Venner acted as Special Events officers for this big affair.

About 10,000 people from the grandstand Friday night saw and listened a half hour to a spectacular act when the Maine Wing, CAP demonstrated a lost plane guided to safety by Major Harold Katz flying in his Cessna and in constant communication over VHF radio with Lt. Col.



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Arthur Patstone operating from a mobile car on the ground. Also, Major Katz spotted a small supposed blaze on field opposite grandstand and reported same to ground station which, in turn, dispatched other mobile radio cars and ambulance and three fire trucks from South Portland and Scarborough Fire Departments, putting out an automobile blaze in short order. CAP special announcer, Charles Pomeroy held the people spellbound during the act by relaying action over loudspeaker system and picking any both plane and mills can make a communication. ing up both plane and mobile car radio communication. In so doing, the public heard everything going on.

Deering Cadets and Stroudwater Girl Cadets displayed their ability in military drills in the show Monday and Tuesday in front of large crowds in the grandstand.

#### SPECIAL NOTES

Major Richard Hynes, Liaison Officer Maine Wing, left September 15th to attend a week's course at Norfolk Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia.

"Air Marking" by the Civil Air Patrol is under way. We were asked by the CAA to participate in a nationwide program.

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